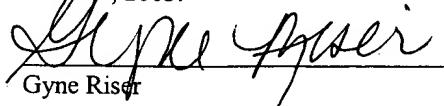


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In re Application of

MICHAEL HOUGHTON et al.

Serial No. 08/441,355

Group Art Unit: 1643

Filed: May 15, 1995

Examiner: M. Zeman

For: PROCESS FOR SCREENING FOR HCV (AS AMENDED)

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Transmitted herewith is a response to the final Office Action mailed December 24, 2002.

Applicant petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

_____	one month	\$ 110.00
_____	two months	\$ 410.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	three months	\$ 930.00
_____	four months	\$1,450.00

_____ An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefore of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$_____.

_____ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, if any additional extension and/or fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 03-1664. **THIS IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO PAY THE ISSUE FEE.**

The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	*130	MINUS	*241	= 0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
INDEP.	*14	MINUS	*15	= 0	x \$84.00	\$0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						+ \$280.00
						Total <u>\$ 0</u>

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".

*** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3".

The "Highest No. Previously Paid for" (Total or Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

No additional fee for claims is required.

Attached is check no. 8140 in the amount of \$1,150.00 (\$930 for 3-month extension of time and \$220 for 2 Terminal Disclaimers Under 37 CFR §1.20(d)).

If any additional fees are required, please charge Deposit Account No. 03-1664.
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Respectfully submitted,

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